

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1</p> <p>Homeschool Day 10:00am-12:00pm *Grades K-4 1:30pm- 3:30pm * Grades 5-12 \$3/student RSVP</p> <p>AUDUBON LECTURE 40 Years of Research in the Indian River Lagoon 7pm free</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Hike — 9am — FREE</p> <p>Brown Bag Lecture Birding, St. Lucie County, and Citizen Science 12:00Noon * FREE</p> <p>Special Presentation Book signing with Dr. Rachel Wentz 2:00 pm—3:30 pm * FREE</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Swamp Tales 3:45pm * 3- 6 years old FREE</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hike — 9am — FREE</p> <p>Nature for Families Meet Your Feathered Friends 10:30am \$5 per person *RSVP a must*</p>
<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Oxbow's Natives 3:45pm * All Ages FREE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Treehouse Time 9:30am * 3 to 5 year olds FREE</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Hike — 9am — FREE</p> <p>Art Class Paper Making 10:00am-12:00pm *Adults 1:30 pm- 3:30 * Kids 8 and up \$20/person RSVP</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Hike — 9am — FREE</p>
<p>25</p> <p>4-H Fun Day at Cowboy's Restaurant 11am—6pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Hike — 9am — FREE</p>

MARCH IS MIGRATION MADNESS MONTH

Visit the center for some free fun activities and check out our Birds and Migration exhibit.
The **Oxbow Eco-Center** is open Tuesday through Friday from 12pm-5pm and Saturday from 10am-5pm. The trails are open daily from dawn until dusk.

Guided Hikes — Every Saturday at 9:00 am — FREE no RSVP needed. — Enjoy a guided hike with one of Oxbow volunteer naturalists.

Homeschool Day “Florida’s Cool Geologic Past” — March 1st at 10:00 am -12:00 pm for Grades K-4; 1:30 pm– 3:30 pm for Grades 5-12. Giant sloths, mastodons and saber-tooth cats oh my! Students will explore Florida through geologic time — how it has changed, how its fossils were formed, and why some animals survived while others did not. Master Chef Iggy Rock will introduce students to the rock cycle and some cool rock recipes. \$3 per participant. RSVP a must.

St. Lucie Audubon Society Lecture—40 Years of Research in the Indian River Lagoon: A Retrospective View — March 1st at 7pm. Join the Audubon Society for an amazing lecture with Dr. R. Grant Gilmore as he presents an historic perspective of the Indian River Lagoon including details of phytoplankton, plants, insects and birds from a 30 year interdisciplinary research project that began in the 1930s. Gilmore will lead a practical discussion on what can be done to restore and protect the Lagoon’s amazing biodiversity.

“Birding, St. Lucie County, and Citizen Science” Lecture — March 3rd at 12:00 pm. March is a great month for birding in Florida. Now is your chance to learn some of the birds that may be visiting your yard or neighborhood by joining the Oxbow Eco-Center on March 3rd at 12:00pm as Ed Bowes and Ruth Neese present “Birding, St. Lucie County, and Citizen Science.” It’s also an opportunity to hone your birding skills and participate in Audubon’s 1st Annual Bird-A-Thon on March 10th and March 11th. For more information visit www.stlucieaudubon.org or contact eddie_ruth@msn.com.

Special Presentation: “Chasing Bones” — March 3rd 2:00 pm—3:30 pm. Join the Oxbow Eco-Center as Dr. Rachel Wentz discusses her memoir “Chasing Bones: An Archaeologist’s Pursuit of Skeletons.” Dr. Wentz’s book gives the reader a first-hand glimpse into the world of bio-archaeology, where skeletons hold the clues to past lives and ancient civilizations. Wentz is Director of the East Central region of the Florida Historical Society. This event is free.

Swamp Tales— March 8th at 3:45 pm. Join us for a “novel” adventure with Miss Kitty. This story time is appropriate for ages 3 to 6.

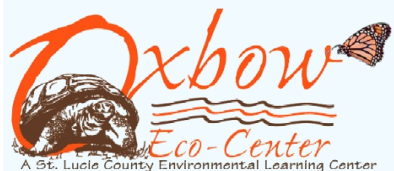
Nature for Families “Meet Your Feathered Friends”— March 10th at 10:30 am. Watch as live feathered friends from Hobe Sound Nature Center dazzle us with their unique personalities. Appropriate for ages 5 and up; **\$5 per person attending.** RSVP a must, space is VERY limited.

Oxbow’s Natives: “Migratory Flyways”— March 15th at 3:45 pm. Did you know that Florida is a major migratory flyway for birds? Join us as we discuss which birds travel the furthest, which stay the longest, and what these birds do during their layover. This is a free program for ages 5 and up.

Treehouse Time — March 16th at 9:30 am. Toddlers will transform into a mommy bird and try to keep their hungry babies fed. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Art Class “Paper Making” March 17th ; Adult session 10 am –12 pm, Kids session (ages 8 –15) 1:30 pm– 3:30pm. Treasure Coast Art Association teams up with Oxbow to present this fun, nature-inspired art class. Participants will learn the art of making beautiful and unique paper. \$20 per participant (which includes ALL supplies). RSVP a must.

4-H Fun Day at Cowboy’s Restaurant— March 25th 11 am—6 pm— Join Cowboy’s Restaurant in Fort Pierce to help raise funds for all 4-H kids in St. Lucie County. Live music, bounce house, BBQ and auctions will make a fun filled day for any family.



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5400 NE St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
Center Hours: Tuesday—Friday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
(Trails are open dawn to dusk daily)

